

WPB Arts Committee
Minutes
April 25, 2017

In attendance: David Ginople (chair), Mary Antonakos, Dan Murphy, Charlie Rees, Pamela Maass (executive director), Jessica Wobbekind (managing director), Michael Ashkenasi (ssa program specialist)

1. The committee discussed updates on on-going projects
 - a. One Big Thing- permit is in process
 - b. Wicker Tree- JW submitted proposal to the Park District, waiting to hear back, unsure of the time it will take
2. The committee reviewed the proposals for Wicker Park Fest
 - a. Play Big by Andrea Jablonski and Laura Miracle- it is more activation than art, maybe better for the kids area.
 - i. Substitute something else for the big jenga, instead of another game, can we up the performance aspect?
 - ii. JW will follow up with the artist and learn more about the performance part
 - iii. The committee would love the whimsy of the bicycles as seen in the pictures.
 - b. Life's a Balance, ChisTina Murphy- this would also be good for the kids area.
 - i. CR- it is whimsical, would like to see it on a platform
 - ii. Mary A.- it is safer on the ground in case people climb it
 - iii. DG- or it can go on a platform and have a do not touch sign
 - iv. Can we add barricades in the evening?
 - v. Mary A- there is some concern that it could invite "nasty pictures"
 - vi. DM- we have lights and could use them if there is power

Motion: to approve the funding of the "Play Big" and "Life's a Balance" in the Wicker Park Fest Arts Section in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from line item 2.06 (public art).

3. New Business:
 - a. DM would like to propose the installation of two pieces on platforms (a steel plinth or platform bolted to the sidewalk) that can be purchased outright or leased over for a certain amount of time.
 - i. Mary A- this needs to come through a process
 - ii. JW will talk to Brent
 - iii. Mary A- this is a great idea, we could have an art walk, artists could sell their art, we could be the venue to show it
 - iv. DG- the planters on North Ave would be a good location